

I am concerned with the news that satellite radio may be restricted by the FCC in response to complaints from the National Association of Broadcasters, reducing the type of programs available to us listeners. I have purchased the XM satellite radio programming so that I can receive a radio signal throughout my travels in various states. I have programmed my stereo so that I can listen to the prime stations that I enjoy the most. I do not understand why customers like myself should be restricted from the valuable connection we have to necessary information. If you reduce the programming by taking away traffic and weather reports, this could influence me more than any other changes. My prior travel experiences left me searching scratchy AM stations trying to find some type of indication to road conditions, both road closures due to snow, or accident as well as forecasts for travel plans. I'm aware that the FCC has difficulty allowing freedom of speech in the United States, Howard Stern being a prime example. However, XM offers parental control for radio programming which is by far better than a blanket restriction for all Americans due to FCC concerns for profanity and/or content.

People want to hear uninterrupted entertainment, XM actually offers this whereas FM stations, from my experience, do not. I have spent the past several years listening only to CDs until I found this option because I can't stand listening to advertisers and unwanted chatter. Remember the right to freedom of speech, America is all about freedom. I fail to see the purpose of the FCC's involvement in satellite radios broadcast programming. Unless the FCC is primarily functioning to protect the pocketbooks of those impacted by the loss of advertising revenue and control. Maybe it's time to plan for the future rather than holding us back in limited technology, radio with poor reception and so many advertisements the listeners are turning away.